

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 MICHAEL ESTES,

4 Plaintiff

Case No. 3:21-cv-00214-MMD-CLB

ORDER

5 v.

6 DAWN JONES, *et al.*,

7 Defendants
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9 **I. DISCUSSION**

10 On May 10, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of
11 Corrections ("NDOC"), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed
12 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff's application to
13 proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete. Plaintiff has not submitted a financial certificate
14 or an inmate account statement for the previous six-month period.

15 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin
16 a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil
17 action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the
18 inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

19 (1) a completed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate, this
20 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on
21 page 3),

22 (2) a Financial Certificate properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
23 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

24 (3) a copy of the inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the
25 previous six-month period.

26 Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
27 (ECF No. 1) without prejudice because the application is incomplete. The Court will grant
28 Plaintiff a one-time extension to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma*

1 *pauperis* containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete
2 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before **July 12, 2021**. Absent unusual
3 circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff does not
4 file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required
5 documents on or before **July 12, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without
6 prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all
7 three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma*
8 *pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

9 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the
10 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents
11 needed to submit with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff
12 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the
13 full filing fee of \$402 on or before **July 12, 2021** to proceed with this case.

14 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but the Court
15 will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application
16 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

17 **II. CONCLUSION**

18 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed
19 *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete
20 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the
22 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the
23 document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **July 12, 2021**, Plaintiff will either
25 pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52
26 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

- 27 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this
28 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two

1 signatures on page 3),

2 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
3 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

4 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
5 **previous six-month period.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete
7 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402
8 filing fee for a civil action on or before **July 12, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal
9 without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number,
10 when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed
11 *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$402 filing fee.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint
13 (ECF No. 1-1) but will not file it at this time.

14 DATED: May 11, 2021

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16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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